



# Healthy Healing Wellness

Together, we can create a healthy, toxin-free lifestyle.

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Written only testimony in **SUPPORT** of Bill HB 5354, An Act Concerning Chemicals of High Concern to Children

I write to you as a Certified Health Coach that helps families remove dangerous toxins from their homes in order to keep their families safe.

I see first hand every day how frustrated parents are. They want to do their best to keep their kids safe and healthy and they are finding it difficult to do so, to the point that they need to hire me to help them. With the amount of chemicals out there, they do not know where to begin.

Currently in the United States there are approximately 84,000 registered chemicals, and around 1-2000 more are added each year.

Of those 84,000, only 200 have full safety testing data. That leaves a lot untested and unknown of the health effects.

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), created in 1976, doesn't require that chemicals be tested prior to their use in the market. And it is the only piece of environmental chemical policy that has never been updated.

While this past year has seen a lot of activity and attempts to update TSCA, it still hasn't happened, and when it does, it could take years before companies are in full compliance.

We know that these chemicals are reaching children as early as in the womb. More and more children are diagnosed with learning disabilities, autism, and leukemia, just to name a few. I personally know three people who have children with brain tumors, one that had passed away at the age of five.

This is the reason that families need to be aware of these chemicals and how they may potentially affect the health of their children. It is their right to know what they are exposing themselves and their children to.

We need to start looking into green chemistry and finding safer ways to produce children products. We really need to look at ways of making changes to protect the children of Connecticut that will work for both the manufactures and the consumers. I would really hate to have it come down to not knowing what we are being exposed to all because of money and the burden that these manufactures may face.

This is why I support Bill 5354. Please, put me out of work! I will find something else. My main concern is that families in Connecticut are protected. That should also be the concern of the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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